

R E V I E W.

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AS it was in the beginning, and *I doubt* ever shall be, *so it is now*; there never were Parties in a Nation heaving and thrusting at one another, for the Predominance of Power; but they did two Things.

1. Made the Care of Religion, and the People's Liberties their Pretence.
2. *Prostituted both* to their Interest, when ever they came in Competition with one another.

And this is our Case at this Time; *I am a plain Dealer*, and *will die so*; I value disobliging none of you all, if Truth or Fact be in the Case; on both Sides, *Whig* and *Tory*, this has been the Practice, and the Practice, let all your Pretences be what they will, God's Interest and the Nation's Interest shall stoop to your Party Views: Unhappy has been this Nation's Fate, to be Party-Ridden under these specious Pretences: No wonder that he that will speak plain Truth on both Sides, pleases neither; when I tell the *Tories* they are precipitating their Counsels to their own Destruction, that they gratify the *Jacobite* Interest, and that a Protestant Clergy are at this Day Preaching in the Pretender; That they would Erect *French* Greatness, which we have been so long pulling down, and that all their Measures tend to Introduce Tyranny and Arbitrary Power upon us, and in the Consequence of it, *Popery*; when, *I say*, I tell them these plain Truths, *Can I expect in an Age of Fury like this, I should be Treated calmly?*

When I say of the *Episcopal* Party in Scotland, that they are Enemies to her Majesty's Interest, that all they seek of the Queen, is not so much to Erect *Episcopacy* as *Jacobitism*; not so much to Propagate their own Religious Interest, as to divide and distract the Establishment of Religion already made there; as may be seen in their pressing to obtain a Toleration, which when granted, they never intended to make use of; When I discover this great Truth, that an *Episcopal*, and a *Jacobite* Scots-Man are Synonymous Terms, and that while they boast to her Majesty, that the Inclinations of the People there, are for the Common-Prayer-Book, they are fain to use all man-

ner of Violence with their Tenants and Vassals, to make them hear it— When I make these undeniable Truths Publick. *Can I expect any Thing from these Men, but what the utmost Rage can express?*

In like manner, if I turn to *Low-Church-Men*, and tell them plainly, they have basely and Treacherously betray'd their Friends, and sold the People that served them; when I say that the *Low-Church* always did so that they always made Tools of the *Dissenters*, and Foot stools to tread on, in raising their own Party, and then call them off when they most wanted their Protection, and the *Dissenters* were blind, when they expected any thing else from them; when I give the History of the many Times the *Dissenters* have been thus Treated by the *Low-Church*, and give Reasons from the Nature of Things, why it will ever be so; when I tell the World a Truth which the *Low-Church-Men* must own, *viz.* That tho' they were restor'd to Power to-morrow, they, (the *Low-Church*) would never undoe what they now pretend they have been driven by Necessity to do, but that the *Dissenters* will be the Sacrifice to them, to the End of the Chapter; when I publish these Necessary Truths, *Can I expect, but the Low Church Men will cry out upon me, Rail, and Reproach me to make their Clamour so loud to have the Charge of their own false Dealing with the Dissenters heard?*

When I turn to the *Whigs*, in general, and tell them with the same plainness, how while they push at setting up one *Papish* Tyranny in the World, they drive the *Tories* to the Necessity of falling in with another, and that rejecting what they might obtain, because they may not have what they seek, they put the whole Protestant Interest in Danger; that their profess'd Design of giving the *Spanish* Monarchy to the Emperor, puts an Argument *ad Hominem*, into the Mouths of the other, to justify the giving it to the *French*; and that as one is as Preposterous as the other so both are a Betraying God's Cause, and giving up the Protestant Interest in Europe, to be devour'd by *Papery* and Exorbitant Tyranny, one *African* the other *French*—*Can I doubt, but while I speak these course Truths, the guilty Party will heap up Reproach*

proact and Slander upon me, to smother the Evidence of Undoubted Truth, and stife the Conviction which they know these Things will make on the Minds of impartial Men.

When I turn to the Dissenters, and tell them, the Staff on which they lean'd has betray'd them, the Shadow of Egypt has made them asham'd; That their Occasional Conformity has been their Ruin; That the Life of Religion is decay'd among them, and the Spirit of their Ancestors gone from them; That they have pursu'd their Political Interests at the Expence of their Religious Interest. that they have no Union among themselves, no Confidence in, or Concert with one another; That their Ministry are declin'd, the Morals of their People Tainted, their Ancient Zeal Degenerated, and in short, the Spirit of God departed from them: When these sad Truths are spoken home to them, and plainer than they can bear, what can I expect, but that they will cast all the Dirt and Filth back upon the Man that dares thus to reprehend them, that it is possible for them to do?

Let no Man seek farther than these Things, for all the Scurrillity I meet with of being Mercenary, gone off from my Principles, writing for Money, being dictated to, and the like.

But I have set my Face as a Flint, and I am, as the Prophet of Old, as a wall of Brass, against the Reproaches of Men, against the Follies, Absurdities, Contradictions, and Abominable Measures of every Party; nor shall I Respect one Side more than another.

Popery, Tyranny, as well French as Austrian, as well

Austrian as French; Arbitrary Government join'd with a Jacobine Interest, in either Whig or Tory, for I have seen it alike in both, Insulting the Protestant Succession, breaking the Union, Persecution, giving up Britains Interest, either to French or Dutch, Separate Peace, Separate War, Occasional Hypocrisy, and Hypocritical Pretences to Ruin Liberty for the Suppressing it, betraying Dissenters, Idolizing Parties, Governments oppressing the Subjects, the Subjects Bullying the Government, telling Lies, and believing Lyes, these are my Aversion. these I charge respectively upon every Party, and these will be the Subject of my Discourse, let it please you or displease you.

High-Church Abjurers, Popish and Protestant Jacobites, Traytors to the Country, in Caballing against the Succession; Traytors to their Friends in selling like the African Negroes, the Souls of their Brethren for Baubles and Gewgaws, Tories Mad, Whigs Enrag'd, these will be the Subject of my Reproof, whether you will hear or whether you will forbear.

All that every Side can do, to suppress this Resolution of speaking plain Truth, I expect, and am prepar'd for; and it shall soon appear, whose Glory and whose Interest I write for, in spite of the Fury and Rage of Parties; and as I said before, for your Slander, your Scurrillity, your Clamour and Reproach, Truth and I against all the Devils in Hell and all the Knaves on Earth, I thank God I fear none of you.